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303.3 #5 - Question: If a gas appliance is installed in the attic, behind a knee wall, is a closer required?

Answer: Yes, a closer is required. See email from Dan Dittman

From: Dittman, Daniel E [mailto:dan.dittman@ncdoi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 10:48 AM

To: Rowland, Tommy D.

Subject: RE: Fuel Gas 303.3 #5

Mr. Rowland,

If the knee wall is into a bonus room, well then that is not an appliance that is opening into a space used as a bedroom or bathroom.

If that bonus room is also a bedroom, then this section would apply, and yes, the closure would be required.



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Does this answer your question?

Thanks,

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400 Chapter 4 Gas Piping

406.1.4 - Question: House on Temp Heat, does the entire gas line need to be tested at the final, or just the section that is not under operation?

Answer: The gas line is permitted to be tested in sections per 406.1.4. All sections of the gas line must be tested and no section may be tied into the gas service without being tested.

406.1.4 Section testing. A piping system shall be permitted to be tested as a complete unit or in sections. Under no circumstances shall a valve in a line be used as a bulkhead between gas in one section of the piping system and test medium in an adjacent section, unless two valves are installed in series with a valved “telltale” located between these valves. A valve shall not be subjected to the test pressure unless it can be determined that the valve, including the valve-closing mechanism, is designed to safely withstand the test pressure.

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Policy

Policy - Question: If a house or condo has a gas stub and 220 electrical range receptacle and the range is not installed and this is the only gas stub in the house, what is the proper procedure for finaling out this inspection?

Answer: Document what is there when the final is completed. If there is no range, make sure the gas outlet is capped off.

From: Spidel, Bill

Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 10:17 AM

To: Rowland, Tommy D.

Cc: Jeff King

Subject: PNG policy on setting meters

Tommy, I spoke with Jeff King from PNG this am; He says their techs verify that an active appliance is set when they go out to do a meter install. If none installed, they will not set a meter.

By the same token, I have spoke this AM with Larry Currin with PSNC; he says they just set and clock the meter regardless of what the inspector notes are. Then, if there is an issue of no fuel consumption after the first month, they send a tech out to investigate. He says usually when the owner gets their first facilities charge on their monthly bill, and not using any, they call and have it removed...thanks

PS- both recommended the Inspectors make good clear notes on their inspections as to what if any appliances are actually there.

Other

Manufacture Instructions - Question: Can the Maxitrol 325-3L regulator be used with a tankless water heater?



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Answer: The 325-3L regulator has an individual maximum load of 140,000 Btu. If the maximum rating on the tankless water heater does not exceed a 140,000 Btu, then the answer is yes. Most tankless water heaters are rated at 199,000 Btu and would require the 325-5L regulator, which is rated at 425,000 Btu for an individual appliance. Keep in mind that some tankless water heaters have a range for the demand (ex. 90,000 to 199,000 Btus). The water heater will fire at the highest rate and adjust down.

See Reference sheet for Maxitrol Regulators at the end of this agenda